



**SHASTA COUNTY
INDEPENDENT
LIVING PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM BULLETIN
February 2010**

YESS GRANT: The YESS Grant is in full swing. Twenty foster youth, either in care or aftercare is participating in the program. They have all been assigned mentors. The two mentors are former foster youth who have successfully navigated their way through the college experience. Both mentors will be transferring to a 4 year college in the next year and participate in the Transitional Housing Plus Program. The mentors meet with the youth on their list once a week. Each youth received the books for their 3 classes; paid for by the grant, school supplies and a book bag. The youth will be participating in a monthly roundtable that is run by the mentors to address issues surrounding foster youth in college and general foster youth issues. After one of the first classes the foster youth stated that with all of them in the class together they felt comfortable and they felt like they were the “in group” for once.

Experiential Group: In an effort to provide more hands on experiential groups, properly prepare for groups and have an adequate number of youth participating; we will only be allowing the first 25 youth that **RSVP** to attend our experiential classes this year. **We can no longer accept youth that just show up or RSVP on the day of the class.** We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause but it is very important that ILP youth learn personal responsibility by providing an **RSVP**, on time, to participate in the classes.

February’s Experiential Group will be held on February 10th from 4:30-6:30pm, on job skills. We will be meeting at the Youth and Family Office at 2877 Childress Dr in Anderson. There will be a prize for the youth who comes best dressed for an interview. If you need directions we can provide them when you call to RSVP. The last day to RSVP will be **February 3rd** by 4pm. **Please RSVP to Scottie Sewart at 365-9197; not your ILP caseworker or the ILP Coordinator.**

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Financial Aid: If you are a senior make sure that you contact your ILP caseworker if you have not already completed your financial aid package with them. Remember that completing the package for college does not mean you have to make a definite commitment to college right now. However, if you wait until the last minute you may lose out on funding for the Chafee Grant, EOPS, and other programs at the college. The dorms have been taking deposits for next fall, since last November. If you are interested in the dorms, please communicate with your ILP caseworker so that you are put on the dorm list.

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